

**SILVER STAR RECOMMENDATION FOR  
SPECIALIST JENNIFER BECK  
MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATOR**

On 20 March 2005, Convoy 678N was traveling north on Alternate Supply Route Bismark enroute to Logistics Support Area Anaconda. At 11:30, forty to fifty anti-coalition forces with the intent to cause U.S. casualties ambushed the convoy. The ambush consisted of the following elements: heavy small arms fire; an improvised explosive device placed in the road median; two road obstacles meant to funnel and fix the convoy; accurate rocket propelled grenade fire with direct hits to vehicles; and a ground assault of 10-15 insurgents upon a line of convoy escort platforms. The insurgents captured were carrying handcuffs suggesting they were intending to capture United States soldiers. Specialist Beck was the driver of the third M915 in the convoy when the convoy came to a sudden halt. She heard a barrage of gunfire and one of her platoon members yelling in pain over the radio. Rocket propelled grenade rounds began hitting the trucks in front of her and she saw a black cloud of smoke coming from a vehicle in front of her. The convoy was still not moving, and she heard Staff Sergeant Uhl, the convoy commander, trying to get information over the radio. As she assessed the situation, she heard Staff Sergeant Uhl say that he was coming back to the kill zone to see what was going on. She immediately advised him to hold his position because she was going to bring people out. After several trucks moved out of the kill zone and enabled her to push her way around the blockage, she moved forward to respond to the wounded soldier's cry for help. Under fire, she dismounted her truck to assess the situation of a disabled military vehicle, and a civilian driver ran up to her and showed her the wound that he received from a bullet grazing his back. She instructed him to get into her truck as she moved towards the disabled vehicle. Ron Hart, a retired Army Department of Defense driver, had maneuvered his truck next to the disabled vehicle, dismounted, and was looking into the cab. Specialist Beck ran up to him to see what was going on and saw that Private First Class Delancey, the passenger of the M915, had been wounded by a rocket propelled grenade explosion but was still ambulatory. She instructed him to get into her truck as Ron Hart relieved him of his M249 squad automatic weapon. She looked into the truck and Sergeant Ricketts, the driver of the disabled M915, told her that he could not move and that he was not going to get out of there. She yelled "there is no way that we are leaving you here" and began pulling him through the crushed console of his truck. She pulled him through the passenger side of the truck away from enemy fire, got him to the ground, and was pulling him around the front of Mr. Hart's truck when he saw that she was exhausted and helped her drag him the rest of the way. She climbed into her truck and saw that there was no room for Sergeant Ricketts with three other people in her cab. Specialist Beck radioed the trucks behind her and told them they had to recover Sergeant Ricketts. She then dismounted her truck again to instruct Mr. Hart to hold that position until one of the soldiers behind her recovered Sergeant Ricketts. Specialist Beck signaled to the civilian drivers behind her to get ready to go, mounted, and drove her M915 out of the kill zone with several of the drivers behind her following her out. Once Specialist Beck reached the casualty collection point that Staff Sergeant Uhl had set up, she dismounted and performed first aid on several wounded soldiers and civilian drivers. Specialist Beck's complete disregard for her own safety, gallantry in action, and calm leadership while under fire directly saved the lives of two soldiers and enabled the convoy to move out of the congested kill zone. Her heroic actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon herself, her unit, and the United States Army.